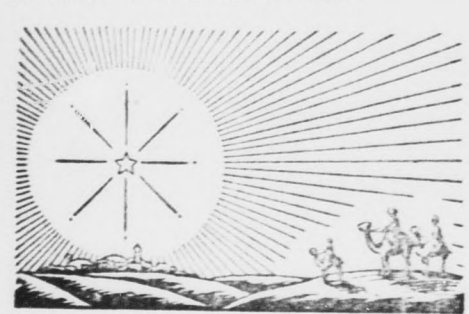


Wise Men Patron Saints of Travelers

The Three Kings of Cologne have become patron saints of travelers, and very appropriately, too, since the Wise Men traveled considerably even after their death.

Biblically, we know very little about the Wise Men. Church tradition, based on the three specifically mentioned gifts, has established three Wise Men and identified them as Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, the Kings of Tarsus, Arabia and Ethiopia, respectively.

Legend advances that on their way to Bethlehem, the Magi met at Ur and St. Matthew states that having adored the Christ Child, they departed into their own country by a different route. Whether each returned to his own country or whether all three journeyed into one country are matters for conjecture. Legend continues that they were baptized, distributed their wealth among the poor, and went about preaching the doctrine of peace and repentance. All three seem to have suffered martyrdom in India at the same time.



In the fourth century Empress Helena, mother of Constantine, was ranged for the transfer of their bodies to Constantinople.

When the Greek Emperor was overthrown by the first crusade in 1099, the body remains were sent to Milan where they were enshrined until the latter part of the 12th century when Frederick Barbarossa ordered their removal to Cologne.

The Archbishop of Cologne adored the relics with precious jewels and surrounded the Cologne Cathedral in time, anything which touched the skulls of the Three Kings was considered as a charm against accidents, hence, the Wise Men became popular patron saints of travelers.

Candles Originally Were Symbols of Light and Joy



WASHINGTON—With the acute housing shortage reaching a distressing stage this past year, preventing many young couples from marrying for lack of a home and kindling thousands of others to flounder with their families in small and overcrowded houses, methods of alleviating the condition are constantly being expounded by the press.

A new suggestion along these lines has been proffered by a 71-year-old gentleman living in the city of Washington. He suggests that the use of wood and other building materials so scarce, why not use candles?

Adobe is mud or clay which has been molded into bricks and is more durable. It is associated with the building of the pyramids. Actually, however, it differs from our own bricks in respect to the quality of the material. In 1938, M. J. Blanke and his wife vacationed in California where they saw many attractive homes, bungalows, cottages and shacks.

When the need for building materials became formidable last spring, Blanke remembered that in California adobe cottages had been built and decided that here, indeed, was an ideal way to overcome the obstacles confronting those who wished to build.

He had recently sold his newspaper and, with time on his hands, he spent long and determined hours in the Library of Congress and other governmental agencies. He wrote hundreds of letters to every one available to obtain material regarding the use of adobe and soon accumulated a vast assortment of reliable data from various parts of the United States.

It proved conclusively to him that there was the best solution to a home building problem. Here was one way for veterans and others to build, or have built, homes for their families without delay and, better yet, without "dirt cheap" so to speak.

A reference source list was compiled, printed and offered for sale. The harvest this year was 4,323 skins, which will make fewer than 10,000 coats.

Last year's skins brought an average of 40 cents each.

Christmas Day

On Christmas Day we repeat the old familiar greeting that, each year, in the same festive way rings fresh in our ears: "Merry Christmas."

Merry Christmas—to the little ones who skip downstairs in their gray slippers to explore their stockings and the wondrous and excitement of the Christmas tree.

Merry Christmas—to the young men and women who, to the rest of us, are the real Christmas glamour.

Merry Christmas—to the father who, to give us all the things we want, who probably works much harder and yet keeps younger and more alert because of the responsibility of a family and the competition of business, who makes the gesture of tuckering all the first and feathery yet beams with affection and excitement.

Merry Christmas—to mother who really calls the tune for the holidays and does the planning and pulling together of the parties and the bustle of the Christmas season.

Merry Christmas—to the brother who, to give us all the things we want, who probably works much harder and yet keeps younger and more alert because of the responsibility of a family and the competition of business, who makes the gesture of tuckering all the first and feathery yet beams with affection and excitement.

Merry Christmas—to the sister who, to give us all the things we want, who probably works much harder and yet keeps younger and more alert because of the responsibility of a family and the competition of business, who makes the gesture of tuckering all the first and feathery yet beams with affection and excitement.

Merry Christmas—to the drop-in who, to give us all the things we want, who probably works much harder and yet keeps younger and more alert because of the responsibility of a family and the competition of business, who makes the gesture of tuckering all the first and feathery yet beams with affection and excitement.

Merry Christmas—to the neighbor who, to give us all the things we want, who probably works much harder and yet keeps younger and more alert because of the responsibility of a family and the competition of business, who makes the gesture of tuckering all the first and feathery yet beams with affection and excitement.

Merry Christmas—to the friend who, to give us all the things we want, who probably works much harder and yet keeps younger and more alert because of the responsibility of a family and the competition of business, who makes the gesture of tuckering all the first and feathery yet beams with affection and excitement.

Merry Christmas—to the stranger who, to give us all the things we want, who probably works much harder and yet keeps younger and more alert because of the responsibility of a family and the competition of business, who makes the gesture of tuckering all the first and feathery yet beams with affection and excitement.

Merry Christmas—to the world who, to give us all the things we want, who probably works much harder and yet keeps younger and more alert because of the responsibility of a family and the competition of business, who makes the gesture of tuckering all the first and feathery yet beams with affection and excitement.

Merry Christmas—to the universe who, to give us all the things we want, who probably works much harder and yet keeps younger and more alert because of the responsibility of a family and the competition of business, who makes the gesture of tuckering all the first and feathery yet beams with affection and excitement.

Merry Christmas—to the God who, to give us all the things we want, who probably works much harder and yet keeps younger and more alert because of the responsibility of a family and the competition of business, who makes the gesture of tuckering all the first and feathery yet beams with affection and excitement.

Merry Christmas—to the Christ who, to give us all the things we want, who probably works much harder and yet keeps younger and more alert because of the responsibility of a family and the competition of business, who makes the gesture of tuckering all the first and feathery yet beams with affection and excitement.

Merry Christmas—to the Holy Spirit who, to give us all the things we want, who probably works much harder and yet keeps younger and more alert because of the responsibility of a family and the competition of business, who makes the gesture of tuckering all the first and feathery yet beams with affection and excitement.

Merry Christmas—to the Father who, to give us all the things we want, who probably works much harder and yet keeps younger and more alert because of the responsibility of a family and the competition of business, who makes the gesture of tuckering all the first and feathery yet beams with affection and excitement.

CHRISTMAS CANDLES



Candles shaped like the pine tree can be made to incense the room with the candle wax.

Utes or other flowers may be molded while the wax is still warm.

Small candles are left to give finished effect.

In making of cottage candle, the windows, doors and shrubbery are painted in by hand.

Big oversized pine candles may be made of various colors, of sizes to fit some particular nook in the home.

Donchevalier and Tree of Humanity

The tale of Donchevalier and the tree of humanity, told with minor variations throughout France and Germany, is one of the most charming of all the Christmas tree legends.

Donchevalier was traveling through a dense forest one night on Christmas Eve. In the distance one tall evergreen stood apart from all the others. It seemed aglow with lights and from afar a star appeared to rest among its topmost branches.

As he drew nearer, Donchevalier saw that the tree was covered with candles—some standing upright and others inverted. The star at the top seemed to be the vision of a child whose beautiful head was surrounded by a pale amber halo.

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White Christmas, Modern Day Carol

Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" has definitely joined the procession of Christmas music! Let us not hesitate to admit so recent a creation to the inner sanctum of cherished traditions, let's see just how old some of our Christmas favorites really are.

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Local Happenings

Col. and Mrs. William A. Cole will leave Sunday for Washington, D. C. to visit Mrs. Cole's sister, Mrs. James Foley.

Mrs. Beale Franklin will leave Saturday for Frant Royal to visit her sister, Mrs. Lennie Ferguson.

Mrs. T. U. Conner has recovered from a recent illness.

"Buddy" Davis, of Waynesboro, spent several days this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Woolridge.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. C. and daughter, Harriet, will spend Saturday in Baltimore, where they will attend the wedding of Miss Katherine Elizabeth Bloom to George M. C. Cale.

Mrs. A. L. Caudle has arrived to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Caudle.

Pfc. Fred Hanenkrat of New Jersey, is home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lloyd Hudson and Pfc. Fred Hanenkrat were visitors in Roanoke, N. C. Sunday.

Mrs. Alpha Higginbotham and daughter, Betsey, plan to spend the holidays in Philadelphia.

Mrs. L. L. Gault spent several days last week in Richmond.

The Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Robinson, of Nellyford, will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin H. Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert F. Bloom, of Baltimore, Md., have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Katherine Elizabeth, to George Manson Cale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Cale of Appomattox. The wedding will take place Sunday, December 22, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, in Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. O. Furbush will leave Friday for Louisville, Ky., to spend the holidays with her daughter, Ellen Ann Carter.

Miss Dot Sears, who recently underwent an operation at the University Hospital, Charlottesville, will return to her home here Friday.

Floyd Mitchell is a patient in the Memorial Hospital, Lynchburg.

Among the students home for the holidays are: Misses Mary Frances Cheatham, LaFayette Doss and Merle Quill, of Mary Washington; Misses Fredericksburg; Misses Betty Higginbotham and Nellwyn O'Brien, of S. T. C. Farmville; Miss Harriet Cale, of Pan-American; Miss Rosetta Stanley and Jean Cheatham, of Easley, S. C.; Misses Madison College, Harrisonburg; W. W. Ford, Jr., H. H. Caldwell and Robert Allen Sears, of V. P. I.; Tom Smith and Eddie S. Cate, of U. V. A.; R. B. Huggins, Jr., Dick W. England and Jack Lawson, of U. of Richmond, and Ray Crawley, of Williams and M. V. College.

While traveling in India in 1882, Capt. Frederick J. Woodbury gathered the seeds which he planted later on his ranch in California. When tall, the captain's sons transplanted them to the live wire driveway leading to his residence.

The once private driveway at the foot of the Sierra mountains is now a busy public thoroughfare and Captain Woodbury's seedlings, illuminated each year at Christmas, attract thousands of visitors annually.

Tuck foresees most of aid for schools going to counties instead of Virginia cities.

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